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MISSOULA--

Having made its own Homecoming game a success, the University of Montana travels to Moscow, Idaho Saturday to see what it can do with the University of Idaho's Homecoming football game.

The Grizzlies clobbered Northern Arizona 27-0 Saturday for their second straight Big Sky win, and can remain very much a factor in the Big Sky title chase with a win over Idaho.

"It is a must game for us, but they all are now," Coach Jack Swarthout said. "With Boise doing so well, we have to keep winning to make a run at the championship."

Although Idaho is 1-4 on the season, compared to 2-3 for the Grizzlies, Swarthout is impressed by the Vandals. "They have one of the best running attacks in the Conference and they can also pass effectively," he said.

"Idaho is much better than their record indicates," Swarthout said. "Their running backs are exceptional, the quarterbacks are good runners and Collie Mack is the fastest slotback in the league."

Mack is a 9.4 sprinter and returned a kickoff 95 yards for a touchdown when Montana last played in Moscow.

The Vandal losses were to Air Force, Washington State, Villanova and West Texas State. Idaho's lone encounter with a Big Sky team resulted in a 28-9 whipping of Idaho State.

Montana ran its league mark to 2-0 with the whitewashing of Northern Arizona. The Grizzly defense held NAU's vaunted passing attack to four completions and limited the Lumberjacks to 101 rushing yards.

Swarthout lauded middle guard Greg Harris and strong safety Mike Ladd for key performances in the victory. "Our defense kept them off balance all afternoon," Swarthout said.

Halfback Del Spear comes off the injury list for the 2:30 p.m. Mountain time contest. He missed the NAU game and all but the first quarter of the previous weekend's win over Weber State with a hip injury.

The UM coaching staff is hopeful that Spear's return will compensate for the loss of starting fullback Bob Smith. Smith will miss at least the next two Grizzly games with a shoulder injury.

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1974 UNIVERSITY OF MONTANA FOOTBALL STATISTICS

FIVE GAMES

Oct. 15, 1974

SCORES: 2-3 UM 14, Simon Fraser 23
 UM 10, South Dakota 24
 UM 17, Nevada-Las Vegas 20

UM 24, Weber State 13
 UM 27, Northern Arizona 0

TEAM STATISTICS	UM	OPP				
First Downs	67	73				
Rush	39	56				
Pass	25	14				
Penalty	3	3				
Rush Plays	230	250				
Rush Yds Gained	1092	1084				
Rush Yds Lost	161	167				
NET RUSH	931	917				
Pass Attempts	81	73				
Pass Completions	40	24				
Had Intercepted	2	11				
NET YARDS PASS	496	383				
Punts/Yds/Blkd	29/976/2	27/996/0				
Punt Average	33.7	36.9				
Fumbles/Lost	14/10	13/4				
Penalties/Yds	31/260	28/252				
Touchdowns	12	11				
Rush	8	9				
Pass	3	1				
Other	1	1				
PAT Kick	9/10	8/11				
PAT Run-Pass	1/2	0/0				
Field Goals	3/8	2/4				
Total Points	92	80				
SCORING	TD	R	P	PAT	FG	PTS
Spear	3	2	1	0	0	18
B. Carlson	0	0	0	9/10	3/7	18
Smith	3	3	0	0	0	18
Svennungsen	3	3	0	0	0	18
Walker	1	0	1	1	0	8
Erickson	1	0	1	0	0	6
Anderson	1	0	0	0	0	6
RUSHING	TC	YG	YL	Net	Avg	Long
McCraw	52	310	28	282	5.4	76
Smith	53	226	10	216	4.1	19
Spear	31	123	12	111	3.6	16
Ponzoha	21	129	20	109	5.2	51
Svennungsen	42	152	69	83	2.0	22
Erickson	4	80	0	80	20.0	43
Dionas	9	28	0	28	3.1	8
Troxel	7	23	6	17	2.4	18
Ogden	3	15	0	15	5.0	9
Nielsen	2	4	0	4	2.0	2
S. Carlson	1	0	1	-1	-1.0	-1
Christophel	5	10	23	-13	-2.6	9

RECEIVING	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Walker	12	126	10.5	1	20
Erickson	8	118	14.8	1	39
Spear	6	51	8.5	1	15
McCraw	5	61	12.2	0	20
Ponzoha	4	38	9.5	0	13
Smith	2	64	32.0	0	33
Chapple	1	19	19.0	0	19
Ogden	1	10	10.0	0	10
Nielsen	1	9	9.0	0	9
PASSING	PC/PA/PI	YDS	PCT	TD	Long
Svennungsen	28/57/2	372	.491	0	39
Spear	3/4/0	30	.750	1	16
McCraw	3/6/0	26	.500	1	13
Troxel	2/8/0	29	.250	0	19
Ponzoha	2/3/0	13	.667	1	10
Ogden	1/1/0	17	1.000	0	17
Christophel	1/2/0	9	.500	0	9
TOTAL OFFENSE	Plays	Pass	Rush	Total	
Svennungsen	99	372	83	455	
McCraw	58	26	282	308	
PUNT RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Anderson	9	184	20.4	1	67
Erickson	1	2	2.0	0	2
Hardy	1	-2	-2.0	0	-2
KICKOFF RETURNS	No.	Yds	Avg	TD	Long
Hardy	8	181	22.6	0	32
Anderson	5	93	18.6	0	40
Dionas	1	18	18.0	0	18
Spear	1	12	12.0	0	12
PUNTING	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	
Ponzoha	25	904	36.2	62	
B. Carlson	3	51	17.0	26	
INTERCEPTIONS	No.	Yds	Avg	Long	
Rosenberg	3	57	19.0	32	
Carter	3	-3	-1.0	1	
Hardy	2	7	3.5	7	
Clift	1	13	13.0	13	
Facey	1	0	0.0	0	